

NEWS RELEASE

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Man sentenced to 37 years in prison for shooting that injured child, 2 officers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Brandon Jamorris Brewer was sentenced to at least 37 years in prison for injuring a child and two police officers during a 2014 shooting in Charlotte's Hidden Valley neighborhood. Brewer entered a guilty plea following the testimony of the first witness at his trial in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

On February 20, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team began its trial of Brewer, 30, for the charges of 1) three counts of attempted first-degree murder, 2) three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 3) two counts of assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, 4) five counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, 5) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 6) being a violent habitual felon. After the opening statement by Assistant District Attorney Glenn Cole, III and the testimony of a civilian witness, Brewer indicated that he wanted to plead guilty. He pled guilty today to two counts of attempted first-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, two counts of assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, five counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Brewer was sentenced to a total of 445-571 months.



Brandon Brewer

In August 2014, Brewer and a woman were involved in a domestic dispute at their home on Kingville Drive in Charlotte. The woman went outside and spoke with a neighbor, asking to use a phone. Brewer came outside with a shotgun and fired a shot. Both the woman and the neighbor left the scene, and the neighbor called 911.

Brewer then went to a neighbor's home across the street and asked to speak with the homeowner's boyfriend. Five people, including two children, were at the home. When Brewer was told that the homeowner's boyfriend was not there, he asked for a blunt. They refused and tried to close the door. That's when Brewer opened fire, shooting the front window of the house with five shotgun rounds. As the people inside fled for cover, pellets or shrapnel struck a 10-year-old girl under the eye.

Police quickly arrived. As Officer K. Stafford approached, he was struck by shotgun pellets being fired by Brewer from his house. Officer Stafford was shot twice. As more officers arrived, they attempted to extricate Officer Stafford. As they did so, they immediately came under fire by Brewer, and Officer E. Bojaj was struck by another shotgun blast.

Officers surrounded the home, evacuated nearby civilians and carried the injured child to safety. Police were able to reach Brewer on the phone, and with the help of friends and family, they talked him into surrendering and exiting the home. No shots were fired by Charlotte-Mecklenburg police during the course of the incident, and Brewer was not injured.

Inside Brewer's home, police found multiple spent and live shotgun shells, as well as the shotgun.

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